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**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**  
Faculty Senate  
**Senate Snapshot**

**Faculty Senate May 13, 2021 Virtual Meeting**

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**Remarks from Faculty Senate President Marilyn Kritzman**

- **RECOGNITION:** Appreciation was expressed for Senators who completed their terms of service. Welcome and appreciation was expressed for newly elected and re-elected Senators. Council election results were announced. Full membership lists for the Senate and councils are available:  
<https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/senate/senatemembers>  
<https://wmich.edu/facultysenate/councils>
- **HONORS:** Mary Lagerwey and Yvonne Ford received Faculty Senate Resolutions honoring their service to WMU and the Faculty Senate
- **RECAP:** A review of the 2020-21 annual work of the Faculty Senate was shared

**Remarks from WMU President Edward Montgomery**

- **WMED:** Dr. Paula Termhulen was announced as the new dean of WMed:  
<https://med.wmich.edu/node/2653>
- **HONORS:** several faculty members were highlighted for achievements including Dr. Michael Famiano, physics, recipient of a Fullbright award:  
<https://wmich.edu/news/2019/01/47977>  
As well as Dr. Charlie Kurth, philosophy, whose work recently appeared in *Scientific American*:

[Disgust Can Be Morally Valuable - Scientific American](#)

- **COVID-19:** Highlighted the success of pre-cautionary programs to date on WMU's campus, and described the unfolding decision-making process regarding management of COVID-19 risk in the upcoming academic year. Efforts to ensure access to vaccines to everyone in the WMU community are well underway: <https://wmich.edu/vaccine/>

#### **Remarks from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott**

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** The new University strategic planning process is slated to begin in fall. Data and action plans will be organized over the summer.  
<https://wmich.edu/strategic>
- **CONTINGENCY PLANNING:** The Contingency Planning group has been reconvened, but the work is a little different for a different time. A critical role is communication:  
<https://wmich.edu/falltaskforce/contingency>

#### **Action and Informational Items:**

- **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** Vice President for Government Relation Jeffrey Breneman provided a legislative update:  
<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2021/20210513-Legislative.pdf>
- **CURRICULOG LAUNCH:** Interim Curriculum Manager Nicolas Witschi provided details of the new Curriculog curriculum processing software:  
<https://wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u370/2021/20210513-Curriculog.pdf>

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[The Faculty Senate meeting dates and locations for next academic year will be determined over the summer and announced when available.](#)

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